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MILITARY ADDEES ALSO FOR POLAD

SENATOR STENNIS, ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,
DELIVERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT OPENING OF DIEGO GARCIA
HEARING ON JUNE10:

QUOTE: WE OPEN HEARINGS TODAY UNDER THE SPECIAL RESOLUTION
OF DISAPPROVAL OF THE FUNDS FOR DIEGO GARCIA IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN. THIS IS UNDER THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AS TO A
PROCEDURE THAT WAS WORKED OUT LAST YEAR BY THE HOUSE AND
SENATE CONFEREES ON THE AUTHORIZATION BILL. I THINK THAT
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE CERTAINLY NEED SOME PRESENCE
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

I'M NEVER ONE TO BE FRIGHTENED BY EVERY MOVEMENT OF THE SOVIETS, BUT SOVIET EXPANSION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE. THEY HAVE INCREASED THEIR SHIP DAYS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN TREMENDOUSLY AND WITH THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL THIS WILL ALSO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

FURTHER, THERE'S NO DOUBT ANY LONGER ABOUT THE NATURE OF THEIR MISSILE BASE AT BERBERA. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS IS A SOVIET MISSILE BASE AND I WILL LEAVE IT TO THE WITNESSES AS TO HOW FAR THEY GO IN DISCLOSING INTELLIGENCE IN THIS FIELD.

OUR PROPOSED INSTALLATION ON DIEGO GARCIA IS A RELATIVELY SMALL AND LOW-PROFILE INSTALLATION. OUR TESTIMONY LAST YEAR WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD THIS YEAR, LIMITS THE NAVY TO A VERY SMALL INSTALLATION ON THIS TINY ISLAND, WHICH IS REALLY NO MORE THAN WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A FILLING STATION, AND WHICH IN THE OLDER DAYS WAS CALLED A COALING STATION.

I WAS SOMEWHAT LUKEWARM ON THIS MATTER WHEN IT WAS FIRST PROPOSED, BUT IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING FACTS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED, THE EVIDENCE IS NOW CLEAR AND CONVINCING THAT WE NEED THIS SERVICE STATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THAT NO MORE TIME SHOULD BE LOST. OF COURSE IT GOES UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHOUT SAYING THAT OUR COUNTRY AND THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD HAVE A TRULY GREAT INTEREST IN THE OIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WE CERTAINLY CANNOT AFFORD TO BE CUT OFF THEREFROM. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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